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Agenda and Reports  
for the meeting of  
**THE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
to be held on  
**20 MARCH 2018**

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County Hall  
Kingston upon Thames  
Surrey

Friday, 09 March 2018

TO THE MEMBERS OF SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

## SUMMONS TO MEETING

You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of the Council to be held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT1 2DN, on Tuesday, 20 March 2018, beginning at 10.00 am, for the purpose of transacting the business specified in the Agenda set out overleaf.

JOANNA KILLIAN  
Chief Executive

**Note 1:** *For those Members wishing to participate, Prayers will be said at 9.50am. Reverend Andrew Cowie from St Nicholas Church, Thames Ditton has kindly consented to officiate. If any Members wish to take time for reflection, meditation, alternative worship or other such practice prior to the start of the meeting, alternative space can be arranged on request by contacting Democratic Services.*

*There will be a very short interval between the conclusion of Prayers and the start of the meeting to enable those Members and Officers who do not wish to take part in Prayers to enter the Council Chamber and join the meeting.*

**Note 2:** *This meeting may be filmed for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's internet site - at the start of the meeting the Chairman will confirm if all or part of the meeting is being filmed. The images and sound recording may be used for training purposes within the Council.*

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This meeting will be held in public. If you would like to attend and you have any special requirements, please contact Democratic Services on 0208 541 9122

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Chairman to report apologies for absence.

**2 MINUTES**

(Pages 9  
- 20)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 6 February 2018.

*(Note: the Minutes, including the appendices, will be laid on the table half an hour before the start of the meeting).*

**3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

All Members present are required to declare, at this point in the meeting or as soon as possible thereafter

- (i) Any disclosable pecuniary interests and / or
- (ii) Other interests arising under the Code of Conduct in respect of any item(s) of business being considered at this meeting

**NOTES:**

- Members are reminded that they must not participate in any item where they have a disclosable pecuniary interest
- As well as an interest of the Member, this includes any interest, of which the Member is aware, that relates to the Member's spouse or civil partner (or any person with whom the Member is living as a spouse or civil partner)
- Members with a significant personal interest may participate in the discussion and vote on that matter unless that interest could be reasonably regarded as prejudicial.

**4 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman to report.

**5 LEADER'S STATEMENT**

The Leader to make a statement.

There will be an opportunity for Members to ask questions.

**6 MEMBERS' QUESTION TIME**

1. The Leader of the Council or the appropriate Member of the Cabinet or the Chairman of a Committee to answer any questions on any matter relating to the powers and duties of the County Council, or which affects the county.

***(Note: Notice of questions in respect of the above item on the agenda must be given in writing, preferably by e-mail to Democratic Services by 12 noon on Wednesday 14 March 2018).***

2. Cabinet Member Briefings on their portfolios.

These will be circulated by email to all Members prior to the County Council meeting, together with the Members' questions and responses.

There will be an opportunity for Members to ask questions.

## 7 STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

Any Member may make a statement at the meeting on a local issue of current or future concern.

***(Note: Notice of statements must be given in writing, preferably by e-mail, to Democratic Services by 12 noon on Monday 19 March 2018).***

## 8 ORIGINAL MOTIONS

### Item 8(i)

**Mr Stephen Cooksey (Dorking South and the Holmwoods) to move under Standing Order 11 as follows:**

This Council welcomes DEFRA's "*A consultation on proposals to tackle crime and poor performance in the waste sector & introduce a new fixed penalty for the waste duty of care*" document, published in January 2018.

This Council notes the Government's view, stated in the consultation, that "residents should be able to dispose of household DIY waste free of charge" and "The Government will consider clarifying the law if councils continue to charge for disposal of reasonable amounts of DIY waste".

This Council resolves to immediately implement the Conservative Government's proposals to cease charging for DIY household waste and to avoid forcing the Government to enact legislation to compel charges to be withdrawn.

### Item 8(ii)

**Mr Will Forster (Woking South) to move under Standing Order 11 as follows:**

This Council notes that:

1. Last year 170 young people (aged 16 or over) left the care of Surrey County Council and began the difficult transition out of care and into adulthood.
2. Research from The Centre for Social Justice found that over half (57%) of young people leaving care have difficulty managing their money and avoiding debt when leaving care.
3. This Council has statutory corporate parenting responsibilities towards young people who have left care up until the age of 25.
4. The Children and Social Work Act 2017 places corporate parenting responsibilities on district and borough councils for the first time, requiring them to have regard to children in care and care leavers when carrying out their functions.

This Council believes that:

1. To ensure that the transition from care to adult life is as smooth as possible, and to mitigate the chances of care leavers falling into debt as they begin to manage their own finances, the burden of council tax should be relieved until they are 25.
2. Care leavers are a particularly vulnerable group for council tax debt.

This Council, therefore, resolves to use the County Council's convening powers and expertise in corporate parenting to work with all district and borough councils in Surrey to explore the options for relieving the council tax burden for all care leavers in the County up to the age of 25, sharing any arising costs proportionately.

### **Item 8 (iii)**

#### **Mr Jonathan Essex (Redhill East) to move under Standing Order 11 as follows:**

Council notes that according to recent research, eight million metric tons of plastic waste ends up in the world's oceans each year, endangering marine life, and that there is a growing understanding of the risks posed to human health by toxic chemicals present in plastics.

Council further notes that six months after the introduction of the 5p bag charge, use of single-use plastic bags had already dropped by 85%, while the TV programme Blue Planet II has raised public awareness of the problems of our throwaway culture. Norwich, Brighton and other councils in the UK have already passed motions committing to phase out the use of single-use plastic products where it is reasonable to do so and to encourage local businesses and other local public agencies to do the same

Council resolves to:

1. Develop a robust strategy to make Surrey County Council a 'single-use-plastic-free' authority by the end of 2018 and encourage the County's institutions, businesses and citizens to adopt similar measures by the end of 2018;
2. End the sale and provision of single-use plastic products such as bottles, cups, cutlery and drinking straws in Council buildings;
3. Investigate the possibility of requiring pop-up food and drink vendors at large council events to avoid SUP's as a condition of their contract and work with tenants in commercial properties owned by Surrey County Council to encourage the phasing out of SUP cups, bottles, cutlery and straws.
4. Write to the Secretary of State for the Environment to request that the Government commits to phasing out single-use plastics across the UK.

## **9 SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL PROGRESS REPORT**

(Pages  
21 - 90)

To consider the attached report and the matters to which the Deputy Chief Executive draws attention.

- 10 ANNUAL REPORT TO COUNCIL - MEMBER DEVELOPMENT** (Pages 91 - 94)
- This report provides an annual overview of the Council's approach to Member development, so that Members can be assured that the current approach is sufficient, equitable and effective.
- 11 SURREY PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2018/19**
- Report to follow.
- 12 REPORT OF THE CABINET** (Pages 95 - 96)
- To receive the report of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 27 February 2018 and to agree one recommendation in respect of the Early Help Strategy.
- 13 MINUTES OF CABINET MEETINGS** (Pages 97 - 106)
- Any matters within the minutes of the Cabinet's meetings, and not otherwise brought to the Council's attention in the Cabinet's report, may be the subject of questions and statements by Members upon notice being given to Democratic Services by 12 noon on 19 March 2018.

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